

**Introduced by Senator La Malfa**February 24, 2012

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An act to amend Section 4852 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1454, as introduced, La Malfa. Vehicles: license plates: number and character specifications.

Existing law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles, upon registering a vehicle, to issue to the owner two partially or fully reflectorized license plates or devices for a motor vehicle and requires that the number and letter characters on the plates have a minimum height of  $2\frac{3}{4}$  inches, a minimum width of  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches, and a minimum spacing of characters of  $\frac{5}{16}$  of an inch.

This bill would instead require that the number and letter characters on the license plates have a minimum width of  $1\frac{3}{16}$  inches, and a minimum spacing of characters of  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an inch.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     SECTION 1. Section 4852 of the Vehicle Code is amended to  
2     read:  
3     4852. (a) License plates issued for motor vehicles, other than  
4     motorcycles, shall be rectangular in shape, 12 inches in length and  
5     six inches in width. The number and letter characters on the plates  
6     shall have a minimum height of two and three-quarter inches, a  
7     minimum width of one and ~~one-quarter~~ *three-sixteenths* inches,

- 1 and a minimum spacing between characters of ~~five-sixteenths~~  
2 *one-quarter* of an inch.
- 3 (b) Motorcycle license plates shall measure seven inches in  
4 length and four inches in width, and the characters on the plates  
5 shall have a minimum height of one and one-half inches and a  
6 minimum width of nine-sixteenths inches, and shall have a  
7 minimum spacing between characters of three-sixteenths of an  
8 inch.